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See report dated 3 November 1944 entitled "Herbert Moy, Active Collaborator." Also Gripsholm Report, Feb 44.

The following information on Moy was given this writer by a rather recent arrival from Shanghai who knew the man personally. This informant's integrity is well established. He is well known from pre-war days by the writer.

The data given on the above mentioned reports appear much in error. Elizabeth Moy, named as subject's sister is untrue, for all the members of the subject's immediate family are in the States, Shanghai, or Chungking. His mother and father, and a sister Mrs Alice M Lee (Mrs Alfred S. Lee, wife of the former comrade of the Carolina Leaf Tobacco Co in Shanghai) are in Shanghai.

A brother, William and several sisters are known to be somewhere in the Eastern part of the United States.....somewhere in the vicinity of New York City. Subject's relations with sister, Mrs Lee, are very pleasant, but is completely out of touch with other members of his family who consider him the black sheep. He is a great admirer of the Germans; hates the Japanese. He is somewhat afraid of the latter and has as little to do with them as possible. He hopes to retain Chinese citizenship after the war, now that there is no prospect of visiting victorious Berlin.

His brother, ERNEST K. MOY, an important official in WASC work here in China has unfortunately time and time again been implicated. IT SHOULD BE BORN IN MIND that Ernest K. Moy has suffered considerable embarrassment over his brothers activities. Ernest K. Moy himself is completely loyal to the cause of the United States and has a personal interest in the war now that his son, Kenneth, is serving as an A-2 officer in the 14th United States Army Air Force. His loyalty may be further evaluated from his relations with General Chennault, by whom it is known that Ernest Moy is held in high esteem. This information is added to help avoid in the future confusing Herbert Moy with Ernest K. Moy.

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Herbert Moy is not Eurasian. His father is not in Chungking but in Shanghai. He publicly announced among acquaintances prior to Pearl Harbor that he was doing a job for the Germans for the money they paid him. When Pearl Harbor took place, he confided in friends that he felt the lesser of the two evils was to continue with the Germans, for surely if he should stop then, the Japanese would arrest him. He has been invited to Tokyo as guest commentator a number of times, and using the excuse of his aged parents needing him, has avoided all such trips. He was deathly afraid that should he go to Tokyo that he would never be permitted to return.

His sister, the afore-mentioned Alice Lee, on the other hand, has been something of a social climber in Shanghai circles for many years. She was known to the American community as "Mrs Lee." As a New York born Chinese she was immune from connection with Herbert Moy, and often publicly criticized Herbert without revealing her relationship to him. However, she sought Herbert's company in her relationships with the Japanese. Her husband, Alfred, is a San Francisco born Chinese, holds a valid U. S. Passport, and consular records show his registration as an American. Alice was born in New York City but a previous marriage to a Chinese holding Chinese citizenship deprived her of her American citizenship. Since her divorce from her first husband, she had endeavored to regain her citizenship. Depositions are in file on consular records. Her husband, at her insistence, declined to officially register with the American association. When relief payments were first made available in the spring of 1942, he applied for loans, continued to draw these loans until the State Department ruled in the summer of 1942 that relief payments would only be made to those U. S. citizens who could qualify for and who had applied for early evacuation. They did not desire evacuation, therefore their relief was withdrawn. Both Lee and his wife are cunning fence sitters, have glib tongues, and are widely connected in social circles. Both are for whoever happens to win, and also they were seen constantly with Japanese in public (eg. the notorious Buddy Uno, U. S. born Japanese attached to the Jap Army Press Bureau). They no doubt now have taken a somewhat opposite view point and will cry long and loud of their loyalty.

It should also be born in mind that the name MOY in Cantonese is like Smith or Jones back in the States, and in all fairness to other persons bearing the same name, full investigation should be made before connecting he or her with Herbert Moy.

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Collaborated actively with the Japanese
CIT: SAMUEL ORME MOY. As far as this writer can determine the only other MOY in Shanghai today who is known to be an active collaborator is S. O. Moy. He was formerly in Hong Kong and may be the relation referred to in the 3 Nov 44 report. Samuel Moy may be a distant cousin to Herbert Moy. He originates from the Boston Branch of the family, came to China many years ago. His nationality status in as much as he is married to a native Chinese is not clearly known. However it is known that he is registered with the Swiss consulate for evacuation. He is also drawing U. S. compensations.

The nature of his collaboration is not known, but he is always

in the company of the Japanese.